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Scottish Band Plays Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio - On Friday, January 18 the hot, young Scottish band, *Malinky*, will perform as part of the 2008 Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Kulas Foundation and receives promotional support from WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657- 2909. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Ranked among today's foremost young exponents of Scottish song, *Malinky* combine an array of vocal talent with a highly distinctive instrumental palette, in fresh yet timeless arrangements of both traditional and contemporary material. Their fast-track progress on the international Celtic scene, since forming in 1998, has been underpinned by outstanding musical prowess, fruitful artistic evolution and a maturity well beyond their years.

Malinky first emerged at Glasgow's prestigious Celtic Connections festival in 1999, as winners of a Danny Kyle Open Stage award. At a time when most new Scottish bands were focusing on instrumental sounds, their song-centered repertoire immediately marked them out from the crowd. 2005 saw one of the founding members depart to pursue a solo career but after several months' intensive gigging and rehearsal, *Malinky* headed into the studio to record their third album, *The Unseen Hours*. Following that release, Songlines, a world music magazine said *Malinky* is "Not just back on their feet, but dancing...Few other bands are able to deliver so apparently effortlessly...an album which won't disappoint."

The *Malinky* line-up now comprises Fiona Hunter on vocals and cello, Steve Byrne on vocals, bouzouki, cittern and guitar, fiddler Jon Bews, Mark Dunlop on whistles, bodhrán, vocals and uilleann pipes, along with latest recruit, David Wood on guitar and bouzouki.

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Among the five, they share a diverse wealth of influences and backgrounds, including Byrne's staunch affiliations with his native Angus region, Hunter's specialist interest in the songs of Scottish travellers, and the Antrim-born Dunlop's roots in Ulster tradition. Wood brings his extensive knowledge of traditions south of the border to the mix, while Bews, a stalwart of Edinburgh's lively session scene brings with him tremendous musical diversity.

Upcoming Concerts

<i>Saturday, January 26</i>	The Infamous Stringdusters , bluegrass
<i>Friday, February 8</i>	The Waybacks , newgrass, western swing, jug band, and gypsy jazz
<i>Saturday, February 16</i>	Jackie Tice Duo , American Indian singer/songwriter, flute
<i>Saturday, March 8</i>	April Verch Band , Canadian fiddler, step dancing
<i>Saturday, March 15</i>	* Cathie Ryan , Irish
<i>Saturday, April 12</i>	* Four Shillings Short , trad. Irish, Indian Ragas, Medieval and Renaissance
<i>Friday, April 25</i>	The McDades , Canadian roots music, jazz inflected celtic
<i>Friday, May 2</i>	Mamadou Diabate , world music, Malian cora player

* indicates these events have special pricing and are not available as part of a subscription package.

Create your own subscription series and enjoy three great concerts for one low price. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged until ten days before the concert. \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children 3 - 12. For more information about the subscriber series, call (330) 657- 2909.

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals call CVNPA at (330) 657- 2909 ext. 119.

CVNPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and CVNP, provides innovative education programs and fosters community support and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657- 2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524- 1497 or (800) 445- 9667.

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